



Fact Sheet for Recipients of Donated Electronics

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PURPOSE

The included fact sheet (page 2) can be provided to recipients of your used electronics equipment, to educate them about end-of-life options. This fact sheet outlines what the recipient can do with the equipment they are receiving at the end of its useful life.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions related to this resource or need other assistance with the Federal Electronics Challenge, please contact your Regional Champion. The list of FEC Regional Champions is available at <http://www.federalectronicchallenge.net/champions.htm>.

Partners may also request technical assistance via email to partner@electronicschallenge.net.

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Attention Recipients of Electronic Equipment Donated by the Federal Government

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Congratulations! Your organization has just received electronic equipment that previously belonged to the Federal Government. The Federal Government asks that once the electronic equipment you have received becomes obsolete, you pursue an environmentally friendly disposal method – recycling!

Did You Know...?

- In 2005, used or unwanted electronics amounted to approximately 1.9 to 2.2 million tons. Of that, about 1.5 to 1.9 million tons were primarily discarded in landfills and only 345,000 to 379,000 tons were recycled.
- Yet, recyclers recover more than 100 million pounds of materials from electronics each year!

You can help by recycling your old and broken electronics!

Finding an Electronics Recycler

There are a number of simple ways to find an electronics recycler:

- Try contacting the Federal Agency that donated the equipment to you. They may have a take back program in place to assist you with environmentally sound disposal, or may be able to refer you to a reputable recycler.
- If the Agency is unable to assist you, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's eCycling Web site includes links to donation, recycling and manufacturer take-back Web sites: <http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conservematerials/ecycling/donate.htm>.
- You may also contact your local or state environmental or solid waste agency for assistance. They may have local collection programs or databases of vendors who recycle obsolete electronics.

Select a recycler who can provide references and can tell you specifically where your electronics will go and what will be done with them. Consider using a recycler that follows the Responsible Recycling (R2) Practices for Use in Accredited Certification Programs, available at: <http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conservematerials/ecycling/r2practices.htm>.

Electronics Recycling Costs

Recycling costs will depend on the quantity of equipment you have, what type(s) of equipment you have for recycling, as well as where the equipment is going. In some cases, recycling may be free and you will only have to pay for transportation.

Need more information?

For more information on electronics reuse and recycling, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's eCycling Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/ecycling/>.

For more information on the Federal Government's electronics management go to: <http://www.federalelectronicschallenge.net>.